

A FORWARD MOVE.

Vinita To Be Incorporated As a City of the Second Class.

The incorporation of Vinita as a city of the second class is being considered by the city authorities and the proper formalities will be complied with immediately after the first of the year, so that officials will be elected at the spring election.

The process of incorporation will be a simple matter. Under the last census the town was shown to have a population exceeding the necessary 2,500. This fact will be presented to the judge of the United States court, incorporated in a resolution of the city council requesting incorporation of the town in the advanced class.

The court can then order its incorporation as such and at the next regular period for the election of officers, the new officials clothed with additional power can be elected. The city authorities will then be vested with more extensive power than at present.

One of the most important features of which will be their power to imprison violators of the law. This will put an effective stop to the petty element, which under the present town incorporation have defied the law.

In many other ways the new incorporation will advance the interests of the town and will mark an epoch in its progress.

PARKER'S SENTENCES.

How The "Iron Judge" Made Residence in the Territory Possible.

One case of many similar ones that are being carefully investigated by the department of justice has been closed by the pardoning by the president of Henry W. Miller, sentenced to life imprisonment in the Indian Territory for murder. With these investigations department officials are coming to a more complete realization of the significance of the case of Judge J. C. Parker, late United States district judge for western Arkansas, who died seven years ago.

During his term the Indian Territory was attached to his district and it was infected with murders and desperadoes. Judge Parker set out to bring about respect for the law and in the twenty years that he was on the bench he sentenced nearly 200 men to death. An indictment now appears to have been followed by a death sentence. Department officials are convinced, however, that he was honest in his seeming leaning toward the prosecution.

Miller was convicted on weak circumstantial evidence and has spent fifteen years in prison for a

crime he probably never committed. Over ninety of the men sentenced to death by Judge Parker were hanged, six being executed at the time on the same scaffold. The lives of the others were saved by appeals to the president.

In three years twenty death sentences were commuted to life imprisonment, and three, with many others, are coming up on appeals for pardons, and are keeping the department busy.

There have been many more appeals from the sentences of Judge Parker than from any other court in United States. Department officials now speak of him as the "Iron Judge." William Woods, who was convicted of murder on the same charge as Miller, was pardoned in 1889 by President Harrison, who, at the same time, commuted Miller's sentence to life imprisonment. They were charged with the murder of a companion who disappeared while they were out hunting.

STATEHOOD PROSPECT.

A Merry Time Is Expected When the Omnibus Bill Is Called.

As the time approaches for the opening of the short session, the conviction grows that statehood legislation will resolve itself into a fight for a bill admitting Oklahoma to statehood and refusing a like favor to New Mexico and Arizona. No Senator or member will be quoted as predicting that this will be done. No one wants to incur the displeasure of the people of any one of the states. The expression of different members is responsible for the impression. For example, Senator Allison suggests in his mild way that "if there is statehood legislation, perhaps Oklahoma will benefit by it," and ignores the other territories.

The one strong factor against the admission of Oklahoma and the rejection of the others will be Senator Quay. Every one recognizes the quality of Quay as a fighter. Various motives have been attributed to him for his fight in behalf of New Mexico. One of them, he admits, is because of the business interests of Pennsylvania capitalists in the territory.

Quay's old political manager is operating a railway in the territory. He believes that all or none of the three must be admitted. Whatever his motives or intentions toward Oklahoma or any of the others, his position, if firmly maintained, may have a deciding effect on the legislation. If the party and senate leaders decide that only Oklahoma shall be admitted, Quay may prevent any legislation. Single-handed he could fight with little effect, but with his resources and the half-hearted support which the bills will get from some quarters, his task will not be an impossible one if once determined upon.

MONEY DEPOSITED.

Mayor Parker. Notified that \$12,000 for School Bonds is Deposited Subject to City's Draft.

Mayor Parker has been notified that \$12,000 is on deposit in the Continental National Bank of Chicago, subject to the city's draft as soon as the issue of school bonds is delivered to that institution.

The bonds have been signed by the proper officials but Mayor Parker is awaiting an answer to a wire sent the purchasers in regard to accrued interest before forwarding them.

Under the terms of sale the bonds were to be dated November 1st but should the purchaser not take the bonds on that date all accrued interest up to the time of delivery was to be refunded to the town. A month's interest is now due on the issue and the purchasers have been notified that they are \$50 shy on the amount of their deposit.

No controversy is anticipated in the matter as it is thought to be simply an oversight. The interest on the bonds is payable the first of May and first of November. The first payment will be made under special provisions from the school fund but the interest will be provided for thereafter through the regular levy.

He Found a Cure. R. H. Foster, 308 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Hostile. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, as it is curing them too." 302 at People's drug store. dw

A TRIUMVIRATE.

Three Colored Brothers Undertake to Corral Indian Territory Republicanism.

CAESER, POMPEY, Etc

A Well Organized Movement Is Started to Control the Party Patronage in the Indian Territory.

A few days ago when Bud Brown departed on an early morning train for Muskogee it was pronounced he was going to look after citizenship matters before the D. W. commission. Later it developed that the trip was made for the purpose of forming a political triumvirate which promises to surpass in results the triumvirate formed by Caesar, Pompey and Crassus in the early history of Rome.

The other members of the triumvirate are W. H. Twine and A. G. W. Sango, both of Muskogee. Bud Brown is the Caesar of the formation, being the only good politician in it.

Twine is the Pompey, being the only lawyer of the bunch, and Sango is the Crassus, being the only orator. This aggregation is preparing for the next republican convention, and, it is said, has their slate already made.

Sango is to be national committeeman, and is to be endorsed for anything he may desire. Mellett, in due time, is to be endorsed for judge of the Western district, and Darrough is to be re-elected chairman of the executive committee. When his name was reached Twine and Sango wanted to place him on the shelf, because he failed to appoint Bud Brown to a clerical position, and because he ignored Bradford, the only negro member of the executive committee, in the making of his appointments, and because of several of his guardianship appointments. To all these suggestions Bud said "no," and after wrangling Darrough was slated for the place he so dearly loves.

Joe Butler's name was also mentioned and Bud and Sango will see Sango before the republican convention meets and get his promise to endorse Joe, at all hazards.

Poor Dr. Bennett will have to "go way back and sit down!" When he ignored the objection of Brown, Sango and Twine in the Bass Reeves appointment his cake turned to "dough."

J. Huckleberry's ambitions were buried when he was turned down for district attorney for the Western district, but should they rise again the triumvirate is to grant any request he may make.

The only objection made to Stanfield is that few, if any, negro jurors do service in his court. This objection Stanfield will overcome by showing that it is the constable and marshal's office, and not he that is to blame. He will be taken care of in due time.

The triumvirate is also to dabble in municipal politics. It is stated that they will favor democratic mayors for both Vinita and Muskogee, on the ground that they have no available timber in their own party, as all their best men want something more remunerative.

Circulars are being printed in a nearby Kansas town and are to be sent to negroes only throughout the Creek and Cherokee nations. These circulars show the proportionate number of white, negro and Indian republicans in the two nations, and urge the formation of negro clubs, to the end that they may demand their proportionate share of the political pie.

The Katy's Claim.

The M. K. & T. railroad company today filed a protest with the city authorities against the town site commission objecting to the appropriation of town lots in sections 21 and 15. The railroad company claims the land embraced in these sections under the treaty of 1866, which provides for a part of alternate sections. The parts of the town included in the railroad's claim takes in all north of the Frisco road and east of the section line, or from Foreman street east and north, including the Phillips addition and the college, and the southwest part of town south of the section line.

A kidney or bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure in time. Sold by People's drug store. dw

TITLE TANGLE.

Townsite Commission Is Confronted With Several Annoying Problems.

WILL ASK RULINGS

From Interior Department On Conflicts Between Property Owners Arising From the Faulty Character of the Recent Survey.

The townsite commission is being confronted by many annoying title problems which are the outcome of the recent survey approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The survey was made without regard to the old Cherokee survey and in many instances, cuts off and adds to the original lot boundaries, until the owners would never recognize their holdings. The commission will not render decisions in the conflicts which have naturally arisen until they receive rulings from the Interior department. The commission was originally instructed "to give every property owner all that belonged to them," and at the same time were expected to follow the boundaries indicated in the approved survey.

A case in point shows the utter impossibility of doing so.

On Bell St. in the northwest part of town, to escape an improvement the entire width of the street was taken from the lots on the east side of the street.

To equalize matters and "to get all that belongs to them" the property owners who contributed the street have filed on a 10 foot strip on the west side of the street which, if allowed, will cut two entire blocks from the street frontage.

These contestants claim that the strip belongs to them under the dimensions of their lots as shown in the Cherokee survey.

The owners of the west side lots naturally contend that the recent survey is the only one under which titles can be issued.

The same conditions obtain in other sections of the town, and a ruling from the department is being awaited with interest. From present indications some of the contests are almost certain to find their way into the courts.

FORCE REORGANIZED.

Appointments of Indian Police Announced By Agent Shoefield.

The following appointments of Indian police have been announced by J. Blair Shoefield: Creek nation: John C. West, Muskogee, captain; William M. Sunday, Tulsa, private; I. R. Boone, Eufaula; Lewis Harleye, Weleetke; Samuel Haynes, Okmulgee; Thomas Williams, Frank West; Muskogee; Pleasant Berryhill, Beggs; Theodore E. Stidham, Muskogee.

Cherokee nation: Arthur F. Chamberlin, Vinita; John L. Brown, Webbers Falls; Samuel Edwards, Vinita.

Chickasaw nation: James E. McCauley, Ardmore; Samuel Victor, Dittie; Thomas W. Short, Kemp; William D. Mcarty, Sulphur.

Choctaw nation: Alfred McCay, Lieutenant, McAlester; James Ward, private, Coalgate; C. W. Plummer, Lehigh; Peter Matubby Jr., Caddo; John Simpson, Carbon; B. J. Springs, Kinta; E. S. Bowman, Oak Lodge.

Seminole nation, William H. Culley, private, Sasakwa.

What's in a Name? Everything is in the name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. O. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered some years ago how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for piles, for blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases. DeWitt's Salve has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. A. W. Foreman. dw

Foley's Deadly Attack. "My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache. 25c at Peoples and A. W. Foreman's drug stores. dw

Report from the Reform School. J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicines we have decided to use Foley's Kidney and Urinary Pills. It is the best remedy and absolutely harmless." Sold by People's drug store. dw

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HAS A SCHEME.

W. T. Little, of Perry, Thinks Arizona and New Mexico, should Be One State.

The belief in Oklahoma that the republican members of the United States senate will oppose the passage of the omnibus bill for the reason that republican supremacy in congress would be endangered by probable democratic majorities in the proposed new states of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico, has led many persons to exercise their ingenuity in devising schemes by which the objections of the republican senators might be removed and the friends of Arizona and New Mexico still kept in sympathy with Oklahoma. To strike Arizona and New Mexico from the omnibus bill to free Oklahoma for statehood, would array democrats in opposition to Oklahoma. W. T. Little of Perry offers a plan by which he believes many present difficulties might be overcome. He said:

"Neither Arizona nor New Mexico is or ever can be worthy of separate statehood. The thing to do is to admit the republican territory of New Mexico, attaching Arizona to it in the same way that Indian Territory is bound to Oklahoma in the Flynn bill. With such boundaries New Mexico would be a spacious state, but fifteen states the size of Rhode Island could be added before the state of New Mexico would be as large as Texas, and it would have only about two thirds as many people as are now in Oklahoma. Years might pass before Arizona could escape from her territorial bondage, but in time she would become a part of the state of New Mexico. Senatorial political poise would not be disturbed, for, although Oklahoma should go democratic, New Mexico would sustain the balance. In democratic Indian Territory and Arizona more than one-half million persons could have statehood as a privilege, upon the former's putting aside tribal government, and the latter's relinquishing autonomy.

Saved At Grave's Brink. "I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newman, of Decatur, Ala. "If it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, water-brash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive guaranteed cure. Only 50c at People's and A. W. Foreman's drug stores. dw

The "Rock Island System," Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R., will make unusually low rates this season for the holidays. A rate of one fare, plus \$1.00, for the round trip will be in effect from all points to the south-east, and tickets will be on sale Dec. 13, 17, 21, 25 and 29th, good returning 30 days from date of sale.

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